Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 15 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 16 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 15 Dec 2023 at 03:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for patchy rain Friday, becoming persistent and heavy Saturday afternoon to late Sunday afternoon.

Headline for Friday 15 Dec 2023: Dry and bright early morning becoming windy and overcast with patchy rain and drizzle by early afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 15 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	70%	90%	30%	90%

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Weather: Early morning showers soon clear, leaving the morning dry with increasing cloud. Low cloud, patchy rain and drizzle spreads southeast through the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in the morning becoming 20% by the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Cloud will be broken 500-700m in the morning becoming extensive 400-500m by the afternoon, falling to lower slopes in rain and drizzle. The visibility will be good in the morning, lowering poor to very poor in cloud, rain and drizzle later.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	37/44 SW	36/44 SW	43/54 SW	53/66 SW	47/60 SW	47/61 SW	47/61 SW
900	27/34 SW	28/36 SW	29/39 SW	35/48 SW	34/47 SW	33/46 SW	33/45 SW
600	36/42 SW	35/42 SW	38/49 SW	43/56 SW	41/54 SW	40/52 SW	39/52 SW
300	13/19 SW	15/22 SW	21/32 SW	26/39 SW	23/37 SW	24/37 SW	24/38 SW
Glen	12/27 SW	13/28 SW	16/32 SW	17/35 SW	16/34 SW	16/33 SW	17/34 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-0/-9	0/-8	1/-7	4/-4	3/-5	3/-5	3/-5
900	2/-5	2/-5	3/-4	5/-1	5/-2	5/-2	5/-1
600	5/-2	5/-2	5/-1	7/1	7/1	7/1	7/1
300	6/2	7/3	7/3	9/5	9/5	9/5	9/5
Glen	8/5	8/5	9/5	10/7	11/8	11/8	11/8
Freezing Level*	1100m	1200m	1700m	2000m	1700m	1800m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
After a bright and dry start, cloud soon lowers and rain, drizzle together with strengthening wind combine to make navigation at height difficult by afternoon.

Forecast for Saturday 16 Dec 2023
Weather: The day will remain overcast with periods of rain and drizzle turning persistent and heavy from late morning and continuing through into the night.

Maximum wind: Southwest 50-55mph gust 65mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: less than 20%

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud 400-500m will remain throughout the day, falling to lower slopes in rain. The visibility will be moderate falling poor to very poor in rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius rising plus 11 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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